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Turkey Grain and Feed TMO Paddy Rice Price Announcement

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Report Highlights:

On September 22, 2008 the Turkish Grain Board (TMO) announced that the rice intervention price will be 870 YTL (701\$)/MT.

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Ankara [TU1] The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) announced that the intervention price (the price that the Turkish Grain Board will pay) for paddy rice will be 870 YTL (701\$)/MT. In addition to the intervention price, an additional 100 YTL (81\$)/ MT premium will be paid to producers. The official cost of paddy rice production has been calculated by MARA as 732 YTL/MT.

Table 1: Intervention Price for Paddy Rice Announced by TMO (Turkish Grain Board)

	2006	2007	2008
Variety	Price	Price	Price
	(YTL/MT)	(YTL/MT)	(YTL/MT)
BALDO	760	800	960
OSMANCIK	720	750	870
Medium Grain Paddy Rice	650	680	790
Short Grain Paddy Rice	590	620	720

At the same time, MARA announced the official paddy rice production forecast for MY2008 (September-August) to be 760,000 MT (approximately 460,000 MT of rice). The harvest started in early September and is almost finished.

For paddy rice procurements, TMO will send the entire payment to each farmer 25 days after the procurement date.

Table 2: Premium Paid to Farmers for the Production of Paddy Rice

Year	Premium (YTL/MT)
2005	30
2006	60
2007	90
2008	100

At the moment the paddy rice price for traders in the Thrace region is between 600 YTL-1000 YTL, depending on variety and quality.

^{*1 \$=1.24} YTL